

Whereas it is an uncontroverted fact that symbols of the Confederacy offend and insult many members of the general public who use the hallways of Congress each day;

Whereas Congress has never permanently recognized in its hallways the symbols of sovereign nations with whom it has gone to war or rogue entities such as the Confederate States of America;

Whereas continuing to display a symbol of hatred, oppression, and insurrection that nearly tore our Union apart and that is known to offend many groups throughout the country would irreparably damage the reputation of this august institution and offend the very dignity of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas this impairment of the dignity of the House and its Members constitutes a violation under rule IX of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall remove any State flag containing any portion of the Confederate battle flag, other than a flag displayed by the office of a Member of the House, from any area within the House wing of the Capitol or any House office building, and shall donate any such flag to the Library of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Mississippi will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER SONNY KIM

(Mr. WENSTRUP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, last week, Cincinnati lost a hero in blue. A 27-year veteran of the Cincinnati Police Department, Officer Sonny Kim lived a life of service to his family, his department, and his city.

We mourn for a life cut short while serving in the line of duty. Officer Kim is remembered as a model police officer, husband, and father, an officer with 22 commendations during his decorated career. His lasting memory stands as a testament to the best of our community and society.

Mr. Speaker, police officers deal with people every day, usually people at

their very worst, and they do so selflessly and tirelessly, but we must never take that service for granted.

We mourn with Officer Kim's wife, his sons, and his sisters and brothers who served alongside him.

Rest in peace, Officer Kim. Your good deeds will not be forgotten.

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REMEMBERING WILLIAM WHITE

(Ms. DUCKWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, recently, we lost William White to cancer, but his contributions to his community and dedication to his friends and family will not be forgotten. His life is yet another example of the American Dream realized.

Born in 1930, in Brooklyn, Bill started out selling printing presses in New York. Eventually, he would join forces with his brother Tom to build some of New York City's most impressive restaurants.

While he was well known for his success in business, Bill was also an important member of his community in Point Lookout, New York. There, he established the chamber of commerce and was an active member of the Point Lookout Civic Association. He was a true example that we can all find a way to serve and give something back to this great Nation.

He met his wife of almost 60 years, Patricia, at a dance near West Point in 1955. He and Pat traveled the world, always excited to explore culture and cuisine on their next great adventure.

They had one child, Bill, who works in philanthropy and has helped raise hundreds of millions of dollars for our Nation's veterans. I know that Bill was very proud of his son. His legacy of service, carried on by his son, has meant that thousands of veterans—our Nation's heroes—have received help they otherwise would not have received.

While this is a painful time for all who knew Bill, I know his family and friends can be proud of the life he lived and his dedication to his family and his country.

SONORAN CORRIDOR

(Ms. MCSALLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, the number one priority I hear from my constituents is creating more jobs and economic opportunity in southern Arizona, and this week, I introduced legislation, along with my Arizona colleagues, to do just that.

Southern Arizona already plays a vital role in our Nation's trade partnership with Mexico through its proximity to the border and key interstate

systems, but more can be done to take advantage of these invaluable assets.

Right now, trucks driving north on Interstate 19 from the Mariposa Port of Entry at Nogales must travel on congested city routes before meeting Interstate 10 to travel east. This impedes the flow of traffic and wastes valuable time and money.

A connection between the two highways south of Tucson would reduce this congestion, help attract businesses to southern Arizona, and expand trade connectivity for the southwestern United States and Mexico.

My bill, the Sonoran Corridor Interstate Development Act, would designate this proposed connection a high-priority corridor on the National Highway System. It has the support of the entire Arizona delegation.

Its passage is in the best interest of southern Arizona, our State, and our country; and I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this important project forward.

AURORA POLICE OFFICER DAVID BEMER

(Mr. FOSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, in the last year, we have seen far too many examples of conflict and violence in our communities. While we cannot forget or ignore these tragedies, it is important that we recognize the good that is happening throughout our country every day.

I would like to take a moment to share with you one example. While out on patrol, Aurora, Illinois, Police Officer David Bemer stopped when he saw a group of teens in the street. Some of the kids said they were alarmed, not knowing why he was stopping or what might happen next.

They explained that they were all part of a dance group called Simply Destinee and were practicing in the alley because their dance studio had lost electrical power. What happened next was something that we would all love to see much more of.

Officer Bemer got out of his car and danced with the kids. The video from this apparently went viral, highlighting exactly the kind of community engagement that we would love to see more of.

This is what happens when police officers like those in my district get to know their communities and communities get to know their police officers.

It is only when we work together—police officers, side by side with members of the community—that we make real and lasting progress.

Mr. Speaker, that leaves a smile on my face.

CONGRATULATING WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1